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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/830,048	Applicant(s) BREUER ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 April 2004.
 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,6,7 and 9 is/are rejected.
 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5,8,10 and 11 is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 6, 7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ishizuka (U.S. Patent number 6,850,015 B2)

Regarding claims 1 and 9, Ishizuka discloses an operating device and method for operating gas discharge lamps (HPL), having the following features:

a regulation device (DC/DC) (Fig. 8) which suitable for regulating the power of connected gas discharge lamps to a desired power,

a setting device (Q1) that is suitable for limiting lamp current of connected gas discharge lamps to a limit value,

characterized in that the operating device comprises the following features:

a detection device (LD) (Fig. 8) designed to output signal the control device if limit value setting is too low, in order to put a connected gas discharge lamp into a state in which the lamp assumes the desired power, and

a control device (CC) (Fig. 8) that prescribes the limit value for the setting device and increases the limit value if the detection device sends signal to the control device (Figs. 8, 12 and 15; col. 19, lines 25-67; col. 21, lines 1-25).

Regarding claim 6, Ishizuka discloses the operating device characterized in that after a signal is received from the detection device the control device increases the limit value by a prescribed value (col. 21, lines 1-67).

Regarding claim 7, Ishizuka discloses the operating device characterized in that after a signal is received the control device increases limit value continuously higher limit value (col. 21, lines 1-67).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-5, 8 and 10-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

None of the prior art teaches the operating device characterized the control device detects an arc voltage via a measuring device and sets the limit value as a function of the arc voltage by means of a stored characteristic curve.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jimmy T Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1832. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F: 9 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2800.

Jimmy Vu

June 08, 2005


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